

In case you missed it

CHIEF'S UPDATE

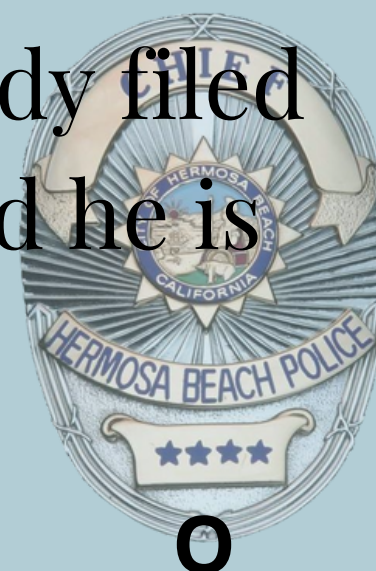
City Council Meeting March 22, 2022

At the recent City Council meeting, Chief LeBaron provided the following updates:

- **Crime.** We are asking all community members, businesses and anyone who is a victim of a crime to work with us to hold the criminals accountable. If a victim is not willing to press charges, officers are forced to release a suspect without any consequences. This sends a strong message to criminals that our city is an easy place to commit a crime.
- **Strand Enforcement.** Spring break and warm weather will bring more activity to our beaches. Remember there is a speed limit on the Strand and any electric mobility device must be used without electric assist.



- **Arrests of Interest.** We recently worked with the loss prevention team at CVS where a suspect stole a significant amount of merchandise off the store shelves during business hours. Detectives were able to work immediately with the loss prevention team to identify a suspect. Detectives were able to locate the suspect and with the help of the suspect's parole officer, we arrested the suspect on grand theft charges. CVS provided important evidence and was able to link the suspect to similar crimes at CVS stores in other cities. The DA's Office has already filed felony charges against the suspect and he is awaiting his court date.



Bicycle Thefts. In 2020 HBPD took 169 bike theft reports. In 2021 we began a covert operation to impact bike thefts and as a result the thefts dropped from 169 to 130, a 23% reduction. So far in 2020 there have been 36 reports from the community; January 21 February 11 and March 4. Our covert operation was offline in January due to some repairs to equipment. It was re-instituted in February and March which has resulted in 9 arrests and all 9 received felony filings through the L.A. County DA's Office. As a result of the arrests in February and March, we have seen a reduction in bike thefts around 81% from January, when the program was not in effect.

Fake News. It was reported on a satirical website that the Chief's e-bike was stolen after the St. Patrick's Day Parade. This was a total fabrication and without merit.

